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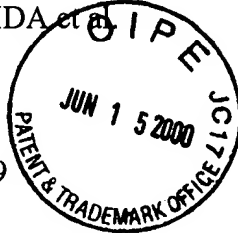
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 14, 1999 in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following document:

U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233, to TOYODA et al., which issued on March 9, 1999.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above patent document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants believe that no fee is required to ensure consideration of the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, should the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with an action based upon the merits, the Commissioner is

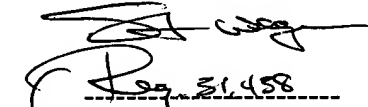
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authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 19-0089 the appropriate fee to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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